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FOR AMBASSADOR BLAKE

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO NICOSIA ANKARA ATHENS
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SUBJ: CYPRUS - CONSULTATIONS WITH SC PRESIDENT MALIK

1. SC PRES MALIK (USSR) CONVENED SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS
WITH SC MEMBERS MEETING WITH "NON-PERMS" IN TWO GROUP S
(PLAIN NON-PERMS AND NON-ALIGNED NON-PERMS) AND "PERMS"
INDIVIDUALLY.

2. AT MEETING WITH US AMB MALIK, IN VERY RELAXED MANNER
(A) EXPRESSED HOPE WE WOULD STUDY SOVIET PROPOSAL RE PEACE
CONFERENCE; (B) SAID THEY HAD IN MIND INCLUDING THE PARTIES
"AND A FEW MORE STATES ESPECIALLY THE NON-ALIGNED"; (C)
HOPED US WOULD AGREE PROPOSALS WERE SOMETHING ON WHICH US
AND USSR COULD WORK TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM; (D)
SAID OLD SYSTEM OF GUARANTEES AND NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN
THOROUGHLY DISCREDITED BY EVENTS AND THAT HE WAS
NOT JUST GIVING SOVIET VIEW BUT OPINION HE HAD HEARD
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FROM MANY IN UN; (E) REPORTED THAT GREEKS AND CYPRUS

AMBASSADORS HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM ABOUT CONVENING SC MEETING TO DISCUSS REFUGEE SITUATION; (F) REVIVED IDEA OF SC SPECIAL MISSION.

3. AMB SCALI REPLIED THAT (A) WE WOULD STUDY THE SOVIET PROPOSAL BUT IT SEEMED COMPLICATED, CUMBERSOME APPROACH TO US; (B) WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RESUMPTION OF MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIONS; (C) WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES AND HAVE BEEN DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT; (D) WE SAW NOTHING PRODUCTIVE RE REFUGEES THAT WOULD BE LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM SC DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM AT THIS POINT; (E) WE AWARE SADDRUDIN KHAN IS IN CYPRUS STUDYING THE PROBLEM; (F) REITERATED OUR VIEW THAT SINCE SC BEING KEP APPRISED OF FACTS ON CYPRUS WE SAW NO POINT IN SC MISSION AND DOUBTED IT HAD GAINED ANY SUPPORT.

4. WHEN AMB SCALI QUERIED MALIK ABOUT GREEK AND CYPRIOT VIEWS RES SC MEETING MALIK ADMITTED THEY HAD NOT REQUESTED A MEETING BUT WERE MERLY CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY.

5. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT NON-ALIGNED, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION MAINA (KENYA), SHOWED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR SOVIET IDEAS. THEY PLEADED LACK OF INSTRUCTION AND ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH MALIK AGAIN MONDAY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE MALIK SCHEDULED FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH ANYONE ELSE.

6. FRENCH, UK, AUSTRALIANS, AUSTRIANS ALL REACTING TO SOVIET MOVE AS MIXTURE OF PROPAGANDA PLOY AND ANOTHER EFFORT TO GET NOSE OF SOVIET CAMEL INTO CYPRUS TENT. THEY GAVE MALIK NO ENCOURAGEMENT BUT PROMISED TO STUDY THE MATTER.

7. COMMENT: UNLESS TURKISH CONDUCT FURTHER ENRAGES OPINION TO POINT WHERE PEOPLE WILL FOLLOW ALMOST ANY MOVE WHICH PUTS PRESSURE ON THEM AND/OR GREEKS AND CYPRIOTS GIVE MALIK SUPPORT, WE THINK LATEST SOVIET EFFORT MAY NOT GET OFF THE GROUND HERE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. SCALI UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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